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95th ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING, MAY 18-20

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

No one church could possibly hold of the visiting delegates and the resno congregations who want to go church on Conference morning. So hat? Well, Congregationalists always lieved in decentralization. Result? great service in each of our five urches with visiting preachers:

First Church, at Yale and Van Ness, ev. John H. Gregg, pastor. Preacher, r. John A. Reuling, Boston, "The frican Dilemma."

Free Cross Church, at E and San enito, Rev. Carl J. Maier, pastor. reacher, Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, ew York, "The Kingdom of God in e World Scene."

Zion Church, at E and Montgomery, ev. Christian Martin, pastor. Preach-, Rev. C. George Kuhn, Crockett, A Faith for Troublous Times." (This ill be in the German language.)

Pilgrim Church, at M and Merced, ev. A. B. Hussian, supply pastor. reacher, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Ala-eda, "An Empowered Church."

Japanese Church, at 806 Collins, ev. Norio Ozaki, pastor.

10:30 service in the English lan-uage. Preacher, Rev. George W. indsay, Oakland, "The Little Foxes."

11:15 service in the Japanese lan-uage. Preacher, Rev. Hiroshi Izumi, Oakland, "Congregationalism and the Kingdom of God."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS MEETING

Congregationalists who will want to ee the inside of the building of the argest church in membership of our Conference, and all others who are ttending the Conference will want o be present at the great closing ervice. The Free Cross Church has membership of 2,344. The building s the one that was moved bodily by he State Highway Commission a few ears ago. When you see the building, ou won't believe it.

At 2:30 in the afternoon, that clos-ing service will open with music by the choirs of the German churches, and how they can sing! Our visiting speakers, Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher and Dr. John A. Reuling, will give us their final word of encouragement, inspiration, and information, Dr. Stauf-facher using as his subject, "The Practice of Our Christian Vocation"; and Dr. Reuling, "Essential for Free-dom." And then the chaplain will send us home with a song in our hearts and a determination to do the work of our churches with greater power and effectiveness.

THOSE RESERVATIONS

It cannot be too often and urgently brought to the attention of our readers —THAT reservations for hotel space should be sent in promptly. There are two other conventions in Fresno at the same time;

—THAT reservations for all meals should be made in advance and tickets picked up at the church immediately upon arrival;

—THAT registrations should be sent to the Conference office in advance, and delegates should come to the reg-istration desk on arrival to secure badges, programs, and stickers for their automobile windshields.

Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, minister of the Missions Council of the Con-gregational Christian Churches, for-merly pastor of our church at Clare-mont, but now for a number of years in New York, will be one of our two visiting speakers. He has many friends and admirers in this Conference who will welcome him back. He has been with us on previous occasions and always with great profit to us. His leadership in the promotional work of our denomination has been strong, kindly, effective, and truly Christian. He will give three major addresses, one on Friday afternoon on "What Have Our Churches to Say to the World?", one on Sunday afternoon on "The Practice of our Christian Voca-tion," besides his sermon at the Free Cross Church Sunday morning. He will also be on the panel for Our Christian World Mission Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MEN'S LUNCHEON

The men of the Conference, both ministers and laymen, will be served at the church Saturday noon at 12:30. The price will be $1.50. Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, president of the Laymen's Fellowship, will preside. The speaker will be Mr. Otto C. Knudsen, an or-chardist of Redlands, California, who is the president of the Southern Cali-fornia Laymen's Fellowship. He is a forthright speaker, and his subject will be "Laymen and the Primacy of Re-ligion." Reservations should be sent to Pilgrim Church in advance and tickets picked up immediately upon arrival.

VITAL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

Instead of breaking up into four or five different interest groups, the Program Committee has decided to hold the whole Conference together throughout the program with the ex-ception of Sunday morning church service. In times past, the people who believe in Social Action would always go to the Social Action semi-nar. Likewise the people interested in Christian Education, in evangelism, or in missions, would gravitate to their own particular interest groups. The result was that each story, no matter how important, was having a restricted group of whose who needed it the least. This time, it's going to be different.

Friday afternoon the educational people will take charge under the general direction of Rev. George W. Lindsay, new Director of Christian Education, ably assisted by Mrs. Hew-itt Kendall of Piedmont Church, Miss Louise Wrisley of the Fresno First Church, Mrs. Williston Wirt of Berke-ley North Church, and Rev. Terence Stoker of the San Mateo Church. An hour and a quarter will be devoted to answering these questions: Can we really grow Christian character? Can youth really be challenged by the Church? Can homes be really Chris-tian? How can the Church do the job better?

Saturday morning at nine o'clock we will learn that **"Even Good News Is News"** when Rev. Benton S. Gas-

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Dr. John A. Reuling is not a stranger to us. He came to our Con-ference when Our Christian World Mission was first launched. He spent some time in Africa, later was presi-dent of Northland College and now is secretary for Africa on the staff of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He has made two trips recently to that great continent and brings an interesting story from the three fields that we have there. At the Saturday banquet he will speak on "Practical Visionaries." He will be preacher at the First Church on Sun-day morning and will bring us a final word Sunday afternoon on "Essential for Freedom." He will be a member of the strong panel for Our Christian World Mission Saturday morning.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Women's Luncheon, which is always an occasion of great interest, is to be held in the Hotel Californian Saturday at 12:45 noon. Mrs. S. B. Janjigian, Association president of the San Joaquin district, will preside. The speaker will be Mrs. George R. Wil-son, of Claremont, vice-president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Mrs. Wilson has recently returned from a trip to Japan. Price of the lunch is $1.50. Reservations should be sent to Pilgrim Church in advance and tickets picked up immediately upon arrival.

MINISTRY TO OLDER PEOPLE

Reports will be kept to the minimum as far as the program is concerned but will be included in the mimeographed Sheaf for delegates to study and carry to their homes, but one report will be made by the Committee on Ministry to Older People. This committee under the leadership of the chairman, Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda, has been doing some very interesting work in showing how churches can avail themselves of extraordinarily valuable service from their senior members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS

Superintendent Harley H. Gill will bring his report and message on Friday evening. Out of the more than 21 years of his service, he will seek to interpret the work of the Conference, the reasons for such an organization, and the opportunities which it is con-stantly facing. The underlying thesis will be that the Conference seeks to render the kind of service that the churches desire rather than trying to impose its will upon the churches. Whether it succeeds or not will be for the delegates to decide after hear-ing his address.

MEALS

The Pilgrim Church is quite close to the downtown section, so the prob-lem of meals will not be difficult. Friday evening the church will serve in its own dining room to as many as can be accommodated between the hours of 5:30 and 6:45. There will be no formal program at this dinner, but people may come and be served and leave and their places be filled by others. The price for this dinner will be $1.50. Reservations should be sent to Pilgrim Church in advance and tickets picked up upon arrival.

The greatest occasion of the Con-ference will be the annual banquet. Normally capacity of building and facilities of the caterer have put a limit of an attendance of about 300, but this time we can go to town! The Civic Auditorium will hold 700. An excellent caterer can handle that num-ber. Quotas of tickets for the local churches run as high as 150 each. Delegates from more distant points will need to send in their reservations EARLY and pick up their tickets UPON ARRIVAL. The cost will be $2, but nobody will begrudge the money.

Here is what's going to happen: Music by the Chancel Choir of the First Church; introduction of Pilgrim Fellowship young people; recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Pilgrim Church; a dramatic presentation of the Woman's Gift by our Federation; an address by Dr. John A. Reuling on "Practical Visionaries"; and to top it all, for those who have the stamina to stay through, a beautiful sound film, "A Wonderful Life." Nobody ever spent so little as $2 and got as much as those who will attend the annual banquet. Think of it! 700 Congre-gationalists at one great, spectacularly thrilling occasion.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

The chaplain for the Conference will be Rev. Philip G. Murray, of the Plymouth Church, Oakland. He is a recent comer to California and has not been in our fellowship very long, but he has already made his mark in two states, Minnesota and California. Dur-ing the Second World War, he was a chaplain in the Navy. Those who were in attendance at the Santa Cruz meet-ing will remember with gratitude the superb speech that he gave on short notice.

On Friday afternoon, his theme will be "In the Beginning, God." On Saturday at 11:45, his theme will be "In Remembrance." It will be a service of worship, of observance of the Lord's Supper, and of memorial for the three ministers who have gone to their reward during the past year, Rev. James W. Price, Rev. Haroutune A. Kartozian, and Rev. J. J. Ballensky. Mr. Murray's final word will be at the very close of the Conference when his subject will be the benediction, "Christ Be With You All."

HOTELS

Fresno has a number of good hotels with rates comparable to hotels in other cities. **Delegates and ministers must make their own reservations.** The following four hotels are suggested as being within easy walking distance: Hotel Fresno, single $4 to $5, double $6 to $7, twin $7 to $8, all with bath; Hotel Virginia, single $3, double $4, twin $5, all with bath; Hotel Se-quoia, single $3.25, double $4.50, twin $5, all with bath; and Hotel Californian, single $4.50, double $6.50, twin $7.50, all with bath. The Fresno, Se-quoia, and Virginia Hotels have some rooms without bath.

In addition there are many motels on Highway 99, some south of the city, but a larger number immediately north of the city.

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VITAL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

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kell takes charge for an hour and a quarter, presenting Our Christian World Mission with the assistance of Mrs. W. B. Buckham, president of the Federation of Congregational Women; Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, and Dr. John A. Reuling, both our headline visitors from away.

Ministers and lay people will be deeply interested in the session Saturday afternoon at three when the Conference Committee on Evangelsm takes charge, discussing **"Enlistment for Christ in Our Own Parishes."** Rev. Philip G. Murray will head the panel, other members of which will be Rev. J. Hood Snavely of Berkeley Arlington, Rev. Gifford M. Webster of Mira Vista, Rev. Ernest M. Fowler of Oakland Fruitvale, and Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose.

"The Challenge to and Responsibility of Christians in Social Situations" is the rather extended theme for the very interesting hour and a quarter on Sunday morning under the auspices of the Conference Committee on Social Action. Two very interesting speakers will be heard, Rev. Robert E. Fitch of Pacific School of Religion faculty on "Society in a Revolutionary Age," and Mr. Harry E. Drobish, rancher from Marysville and member of the national Council for Social Action on "How the Church May Be Effective at National, State, and Local Levels."

In each of these periods, it is hoped that there will be time for questions, answers, and a statement of different points of view.

CHURCH EXTENSION

There will be another report and presentation concerning the proposed new method of church extension by Rev. Ed Cunningham, of Santa Cruz, chairman of the Church Extension Committee, and by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, of Martinez, chairman of the committee that developed the plan and presented it to the Conference Board. There will, of course, be reports from the Board of Directors, the Committee on Ministerial Standing, the treasurer, and the auditor.

JIM PRICE, AL KLYCE HONORED

Two of our Pilgrim Fellowship young people have been made officers of the Northern California Youth Conference, a department of the Northern California - Western Nevada Council of Churches. Jim Price has been made the president and Al Klyce the treasurer.

SOQUEL DEDICATES SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

On Sunday, April 1, the Little White Church in the Vale, Soquel, dedicated a new Sunday School building, erected by volunteer labor with material donated by Mr. Harvey West, a native of Soquel and prominent Northern California lumberman. The building was dedicated in honor of his parents, pioneers of Soquel and over a long lifetime interested in the church.

The building will be used primarily by the nursery, beginners, and primary departments of the school. One room is equipped for the use of the Cub Scouts. The larger room has an attractive fireplace, laid in Monterey stone. Two smaller buildings and church hall occupy all the space that is now available on this ample property, and yet it is already apparent that with its steady growth the school will before long outgrow these buildings.

Rev. William W. Meyer, representing the Conference, preached the sermon at the morning service and offered the dedicatory prayer. A luncheon and program followed. Representatives of the Santa Cruz and LaSelva Beach Congregational Churches were present. Those who contributed their labor in the erection of the new building were recognized and honored. Within the parish of this historic church of Soquel is the newly organized resort city of Capitola, which, with Soquel and environs, constitute a rapidly growing area necessitating the erection of two new grade schools this summer. The Little White Church and its pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston, hope to meet the challenge of this growth.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Plymouth House young people are holding a retreat at Cazadero on April 27 to 29. A new committee has been set up by the Conference Board of Directors to advise with Mr. Kenneth Kinnear, the director, this committee representing both the Conference and the church. It consists of Rev. Fred R. Morrow, of Orinda; Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop, of Pacific School of Religion; Rev. George W. Lindsay, the new Director of Christian Education and Youth Work for the Conference; and the two pastors of the First Church, Rev. Vere V. Loper and Rev. David Stowe.

ENTERTAINING CHURCH

Pilgrim Church has undertaken a great responsibility in entertaining the Conference even though it does not have a settled pastor. Rev. A. B. Hussian, who has had important pastorates in the East, is serving the church on a supply basis and is greatly respected and beloved. The work of preparation is being done by a committee headed by Mr. M. Harikian, ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. G. Googooian, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Magarian, Mr. Beecher Avakian, Mr. S. B. Janjigian, Mrs. Anne Bogoshian, and many others too numerous to mention but equally entitled to the gratitude of the Conference.

PARKING

Parking will be a problem as the church is close to the business district, but special courtesy will be shown owners of cars having special convention stickers. There are parking lots, where a modest charge is made, within walking distance.

GUSTAFSON ORDAINED

Mr. C. Theodore Gustafson, pastor of the Benicia Church, was examined and received ordination to the Christian ministry in his own church on Sunday, April 8. Mr. Gustafson is a graduate of the University of Washington and of Pacific School of Religion. He served our church at Guerneville before coming to Benicia. The Council of Ordination consisted of the churches of the Upper Bay Association, with Rev. Gifford M. Webster as moderator and Rev. C. George Kuhn as scribe. A bounteous fellowship supper was served following the examination.

At the ordination service Mr. Webster announced the decision of the Council, Rev. Herbert Dimock of Antioch read the Scripture, Rev. Hugh Vernon White of Pacific School of Religion preached the sermon. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord presented the vows to the candidate for acceptance. The prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. Frank Carlson of Guerneville Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. Herbert C. Gans gave the charge to the people. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Robert Carlson of the Hillcrest Church. Those present who knew the Gustafson family were delighted to see little Karen and Michael serving as acolytes for the service of ordination of their father.

Copy for this issue of The Pacific goes to press before the end of April, hence it will not be possible to print the church-by-church giving to O.C. W.M. The June issue will bring the story up to that date.

Conards Honored

The Alameda Church gave a wonderfully fine dinner on April 24, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph V. Conard. The crowd filled the dining room to capacity, and there were some who could not get tickets. Mr. Walter V. Howe, long-time member and treasurer of the church and treasurer of the Conference, presided in a very happy way. While many keen regrets were expressed that Mr. and Mrs. Conard were leaving the work of the pastorate of the church, there was a spirit of joy, and many words of congratulation and good wishes were heard. Superintendent Harley H. Gill told of his early acquaintanceship with Mr. Conard and how it came about that his name was originally suggested to the Alameda Church. He told of the leadership which Mr. Conard had given to the Conference in the Post-war Emergency Program and of how he had come to have an acquaintanceship within the Conference which led to the unanimous decision on the part of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to call him to the position of Pastor-at-Large.

Rev. Gail Cleland, Mr. Conard's predecessor, spoke in behalf of the church in appreciation of the many ways in which Mr. Conard had distinguished himself as pastor and citizen. Mr. Wallace Meracle, in behalf of the church, presented Mr. Conard with a beautiful portable typewriter. The Conards have secured the use of a house at 2152 Clinton Avenue, Alameda, and will be moving from the parsonage on May 11, so they will continue to live in Alameda and will hold their membership in the Alameda Church.

Au Revoir

On Monday evening, April 23, the North Congregational Church of Berkeley, the Pilgrim Fellowship of Northern California, and the Conference joined in an informal reception to Rev. and Mrs. William W. Meyer. There was a large attendance of those who hold Mr. and Mrs. Meyer in deep affection and who took this method of expressing their appreciation and gratitude for the work which has been done by Mr. Meyer as Director of Christian Education and Youth Work.

A citation was read and presented to Mr. Meyer by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Conference, in behalf of the Board. Pacific will not print it at this time because the wording was much like that in the article regarding Mr. Meyer's resignation that appeared in the April issue.

The Meyer family will be leaving about the 15th of May for Grand Junction, Colorado, where an unusual opportunity for service awaits him. It is altogether probable that a new church building will be launched in the next two or three years. One of the happy events of the evening was the presence of the parents of Mr. Meyer, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Meyer, long-time members of the First Congregational Church of Oakland.

OROVILLE—A union three-hour service was held in this church on Good Friday, and Maundy Thursday was observed with the Lord's Supper. Two services were held on Easter Sunday morning. A half-hour service of chime music was broadcast on April 13 as a birthday memorial for the late Rev. W. J. Johnson, who was pastor from 1916 to 1933. Rev. Byron E. Eshelman is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S — Eighty people crowded the parsonage Easter morning and left an offering of $300. The new building is nearing completion. Dedication date has been set for Sunday, May 13, with morning and evening services. Superintendent Gill will preach in the morning; and Rev. Purd E. Deitz, Executive Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the E and R Church from St. Louis, will speak in the afternoon. Every week Rev. Horst Jeschke, the pastor, is able to announce special gifts which will help to make the new building beautiful and usable. The title to both pieces of property now vests in the St. John's Federated Church of San Francisco, etc., and notes and deeds of trust have been made to the Board of National Missions of the E and R Church and the Congregational Church Building Society.

SMIRA VISTA—The building which has been somewhat delayed by waiting for metal sash is again going forward. Provisions have been made for financing the plastering of the main story. The church received help from a number of laymen from other churches on two Sunday afternoons in canvassing the area, raising a total of $1,300 in addition to resources already on hand. Rev. Gifford M. Webster, the pastor, served as counselor at the Cazadero Work Camp in March.

WOODSIDE—The Pilgrim Fellowship entertained young people from the Palo Alto church on a recent evening. Plans for extra Sunday school rooms are out for bids. A choir of girls furnished music for Easter. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

GERMAN CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of our German Churches will be held in the Biola Church Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 4, 5, and 6. Dr. Stanley J. North, of the Board of Home Missions, will be present and will give an address on Friday evening and make his report to the Conference on Saturday forenoon. Superintendent Harvey H. Gill will also report, telling of the work of the State Conference on Saturday forenoon and will preach the sermon on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Carl J. Maier is the moderator of the Conference, and Rev. Edward Hildebrand is the registrar. Rev. Philip Reich is the pastor of the entertaining church.

CAZADERO SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 9-16 — Central Area High School PF.

June 16-23 — Westbay Area High School PF.

June 23-30 — Eastbay Area High School PF.

June 30-July 7—Redwood Upper Bay High School PF.

July 7-14—First Family Camp.

July 21-28—Camp for Older Adults.

July 28-August 4—Junior High for Westbay, Upper Bay, and Redwood Areas.

August 4-11—Junior High for Eastbay, Central, and San Joaquin Areas.

August 11-18 — Second Family Camp.

August 18-25 — Junior Camp for Fifth and Sixth Graders.

August 26-September 5—State PF Camp.

September 5-10 — College Age Camp.

HILLCREST—This church is rejoicing at the word that has come from the Board of Home Missions that an appropriation has been made which will warrant the architect in going ahead and making working plans and specifications for the first unit of its new plant. Eight new members were received on Palm Sunday and six more are ready, bringing the total to 110. Three identical services were held Easter morning in the parsonage, each one overflowing the seating capacity. The church has acquired a mimeograph and an addressograph. A range and refrigerator for the kitchen of the first unit have been promised. Rev. Robert L. Carlson is pastor.

ORINDA—Again the Orinda theatre was opened for the Easter morning service. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, the pastor, invited President Stuart LeRoy Anderson to be the preacher. Decorations and music helped to make it a notable service. The Pilgrim Fellowship conducted the sunrise service in the area in front of the church, which is an appropriate hilltop. Progress on the new building is being watched eagerly by the members and friends of the church.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—According to figures now available, the members of this church, in response to public appeal and private solicitation, have contributed a total of $9,108.03 to the Centennial Fund of the Conference. This amount places it second to Oakland First Church, which gave nearly $12,000, and about $500 more than San Mateo. Rev. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, has given strong leadership in this movement.

TULARE—Rev. Harold F. Cram is publishing a bulletin for the church under the name, "The Spire." A recent issue was devoted almost entirely to the history of Congregationalism and the contributions which our Congregational fellowship has made. A debt resulting from the painting of the church was practicaliy wiped out by the Easter offering.

SURPRISE VALLEY—Rev. C. A. McCalmon is holding a junior church at Eagleville on Tuesdays at 3:30 and at Cedarville on Wednesdays at the same hour. The Eagleville Church has a church school on Sunday mornings with a worship service and sermon in the evening. Cedarville has worship service every Sunday morning with a church school just beforehand.

FAIRFAX — 155 people crowded the sanctuary on Palm Sunday. Easter services were held in the theater with an attendance of 450 and an offering of $340. Temporarily the finances of the church are feeling the effects of the loss of rentals to the school department, but recovery will soon be made. Rev. James W. Montgomery is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ — Between 1100 and 1200 people were in the church on Easter Sunday, and the offerings amounted to more than $800. Indeed, the whole week prior to Easter was beautifully observed. It was indeed a great week for spiritual things. Rev. Ed Cunningham is pastor.

Examination for ordination of Mr. Verne Robinson is scheduled to take place at the Hayward Church on Friday afternoon, May 4. It is expected that the ordination service will follow in the evening.

BERKELEY, FIRST—A class has been arranged to give young men an opportunity to learn about their rights and obligations in military service and data to be of assistance to inductees and those who volunteer. The class will be held on Sunday afternoons at 3:30. Other churches might well emulate. This church is unique in the fact that it provides a moderator for every level of Congregationalism within which a parish exists. Mr. Eugene Frickstad is moderator of the Bay Association, Mrs. Scott Haymond is moderator of the State Conference, and Rev. Vere V. Loper is moderator of the General Council.

STOCKTON—Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Lidell are making a large place for themselves in the church. Pilgrim Fellowship is growing, high school young people are learning leadership in Christian work, Mrs. Lidell teaches the fifth grade in the junior church, and Mr. Lidell has the sixth grade class. It is expected that during June "Earnie" will appear before the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing and a council looking toward ordination. The Easter offering was over $800. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—Contract has been signed for completion of the present chapel. Working drawings and specifications will soon go to contractors for the next unit. Bids for parsonage repairs are in process of being made. Rev. Mary McKee Chester, pastor, has helped to organize an inter-denominational religious education institute for churches in the neighborhood.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — Not less than 1000 people attended the Easter Sunday service. Dr. Hugh Vernon White is giving a course on Christianity and Faiths of the Orient, including Buddhism, Hinduism, Islamism, and Communism. Rev. Philip G. Murray, the pastor, spent two weeks in San Diego attending a school for chaplains.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—Rev. William E. McCormack, pastor, has just returned from a flying trip to New York where he presided over the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions. Dr. McCormack is preaching Sunday evenings as well as at the morning services. Gifts to the special Easter Fund amounted to more than $3,000.

SAN MATEO — Official groundbreaking ceremonies took place on Sunday, April 8. Thus the new Religious Education building will be a reality in the next few months. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell has been taking part of his vacation in the East. Rev. Terence E. Stoker, Director of Christian Education, preached in his absence.

BERKELEY, CHINESE — The church is not overlooking any opportunity for securing funds against the great day when a new building can be started. Individuals and organizations are contributing as they are able. The church is not forgetting its obligations to missions and to relief work. Dr. Hoh Yam Tong is pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN—A canvass is being conducted in the neighborhood for Sunday School attendance with some success . Bids are being called for for the erection of a new social hall. Rev. Z. P. Boudakian is the pastor.

ANTIOCH—A total of 390 people attended the two Easter services. Rev. Herbert E. Dimock, pastor, had the opportunity to listen to a rebroadcast of one of the services, thus hearing himself as others hear him. Visual aids are being used in the training of church school teachers. A Men's Club has been organized in a spirit of high enthusiasm. The church is to be host to the Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship Rally the first week-end in May. Mr. Dimock was chairman of a committee which conducted an interdenominational religious census of the city during Lent.

LOOMIS—The Pilgrim Fellowship is sponsoring the building of a children's playground on the lot immediately behind the church. The project will cost about $500. The lot has been graded and will have a hard surface. Playground equipment of many kinds will be installed. There will be facilities for volley ball and badminton. The attendance on Sunday evenings of the Pilgrim Fellowship runs from 40 to 50. Rev. Hendrik Martynse, the pastor, reports that a real belfry has been completed to take the place of the little dormer window which previously housed the bell.

PORT CHICAGO — This church has gone through a great experience of growth, in attendance and in program, under the leadership of Mr. Louis Gerhardt. The choir is vested and is directed by Mrs. Gerhardt. Two services were held Easter morning, one at 11 o'clock and one at 12:15. Four children were consecrated; 15 adults were baptized, and 11 received into the church.

FRESNO, JAPANESE—Mrs. Stuart L. Anderson, wife of the President of Pacific School of Religion, spoke to the Junior League and completely captivated the members by her message and personality. A total of $3,800 is now in the building fund of this church. A full day was spent by the members of the church in cleaning and building furniture and grounds. Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.

BERKELEY, SOUTH — Sunday evening worship services during Lent were well attended. Rev. Malcolm White, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Howard Thurman, Rev. Lawrence Cross, Rev. Lloyd Nichols, and Mr. Alfred Luke were speakers. Rev. John Charles Mickle and Rev. Fred Stripp are pastors.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW — Plastering and painting are going on in the new building. Volunteer work is holding up well. The largest Easter the church ever enjoyed more than filled the old building at the services. Rev. Karl Olson, pastor, also holds a brief service for the workmen each Sunday in the new building.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—Thru volunteer labor, a splendid program of beautifying of the grounds of the church is going forward. Committees are hard at work in taking the early steps which are necessary for an addition to the building. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is pastor.

PETALUMA — Eleven children were baptized on Palm Sunday. On April 15 Mr. Gans and Rev. J. W. Montgomery exchanged pulpits. To complete the chancel, a new hanging made of glass fabric has been installed to cover the organ pipes and to flank the dossal.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next regular meeting of the Federation will be in August.

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ANNUAL MEETING ECHOES

The 1951 Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will go down in history as one of its very best.

Three hundred fifty women traveled from as far away as Paradise and Porterville to gather in the beautiful new Eden Congregational Church at Hayward on Thursday, April 19. After the invocation by Mr. Verne Robinson, assistant pastor, the president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Denver Wood, extended a most cordial welcome.

Mrs. William E. McCormack introduced herself as the "Office Manager of the Secretarial Securities Investment Company," with many expert advisers who have been doing business for us in the past year, and would interpret the news which was coming in on the ticker tape. The first was Miss Edith Parsons, who reported on Spiritual Securities and the need each one has for an investment in them. Mrs. Lewis Taylor said there was much unrest in Foreign Securities because of unsettled conditions in South Africa, hunger in India, and other problems abroad.

Investments in publishnig houses, books, promotion, and circulation were reported by Mrs. Wm. F. Pemberton. 1600 shares in "Adventures in Reading" were sold last year besides many books on the Near East and also the Home Study themes.

Closing "quotes" on the Thank Offering or Woman's Gift were given by Mrs. Scott Haymond in the absence of Mrs. J. H. McCartney. They were the highest in the Federation history: $3,972.21.

Along insurance lines of the home type, Mrs. George Lindsay outlined Christian Family Week in May and Family Camps at Cazadero in July and August.

Another service, called "Friendly Service," touched lives all around the world, according to Mrs. F. P. Brown. Gifts worth $2,880 were sent by 67 of our women's groups.

Council for Social Action Securities were up two points and gaining strength in five departments, according to Mrs. Charles Ward. (N. B.—An interesting item developed later in the day: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drobish of Marysville are planning on going to Europe this summer in the CSA tour, personally conducted by the Director, Rev. Ray Gibbons. Won't they have interesting things to tell us next fall!)

Collective Investments went up this past year, too, said Mrs. R. A. Fuller, the highest point reached being the organization of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, with 29 denominational groups included. A local high point will be the M.E.M. Conference at Asilomar, August 3 to 8.

As to "futures," Mrs. Gail Cleland said the Federation will take a "flyer" as to an experimental Sunday afternoon and evening meeting in September to make it possible for members of Evening Groups to participate. Watch for further notice of date and place.

Domestic business was reported by Mrs. Logan of Broadmoor, for Mrs. James Cooper, who was ill. Her work this year has been on Christian Centers, sponsored by the Board of Home Missions.

Pres. Stuart LeRoy Anderson of the Pacific School of Religion gave the morning address, telling of the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley and what it means to the sponsoring churches. He gave several thought-provoking quotations. One was, "The nation is no stronger than its churches, and the church is no stronger than its minister." We haven't as many good ministers as we need to man our churches. Another quotation, from Douglas MacArthur, was: "The basic problem of our time is theological. It all comes back to the question, 'What is our faith?'" The basic institution is the theological seminary.

Back in the early 1850's the eight Congregational churches in California appointed a committee to work toward a theological seminary. This committee made a report at an Association meeting in Sacramento in 1858. Here is a quotation from that report: "Every church should be watching her sons and cherishing them for **The Great Vocation."** The Pacific School of Religion needs more recruits. Twice as many could be cared for by the splendid faculty there. It has other needs, too, including a chapel, and many more individual regular yearly contributors, as well as more churches and women's organizations as contributors. Can the Federation do something to help answer these needs?

Just before the close of the morning session officers were elected for the coming year, and Mrs. Torrance Phelps of Sacramento installed them with a very lovely service of consecration.

The women of the Eden Church were the gracious hostesses in the dining room at noon, where tables had been beautifully decorated. Mrs. Richard Norberg presided and introduced distinguished guests. Mrs. Harry Drobish was mistress of ceremonies for a preview of "what the well-dressed Association Presidents are wearing!" This was the way in which the work of the churches in the Associations was reported.

In the afternoon the first speaker was Rev. Vere V. Loper, Moderator of the General Council, who had just returned from an eastern trip. He gave his impressions of the work of our Congregational fellowship across the country. He has found a determination to get along in peace and good will, not to avoid problems but to face them. There is new strength in the purpose to fulfill the evangelistic mission of the church, especially in the zeal and devotion on the part of the laity. There is a recognition by the other denominations of the leadership to be found in our fellowship as evidenced by the choosing of Rev. Douglas Horton, Mrs. Horton, Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, Rev. Fred Field Goodsell, and Dr. Ronald Bridges to hold leadership in the National Council. We have real statesmen guiding our work at home and abroad. Dr. Loper feels a deepening of the spiritual life of the people and says the church is not a memorial society gathered to eulogize a dead Christ, but a dynamic people working for a living Christ.

Mrs. Bayard Buckham told "Why I Travel for you." She is trying to get for us a picture of the whole work, to feel the pulse of the many people trying to make a better world. As she speaks to local groups this coming year and at the regular meetings, she will try to help the women find the right balance between home and community, of personal obligations to church and country and to herself, to feel the presence of God, and find ways of working together in kindness and consideration.

During the closing moments, Rev. Richard Norberg led the worship service and gave the benediction.

The La Golondrina Club of Hayward sang beautifully in the morning session, and Mr. E. Eugene Tucker sang the offertory. Both were greatly appreciated.

CLOTHING FOR KOREA

It is now possible to send clothing and bedding to Korea. They should go through Church World Service, c/o Pacific Ports Industries, 10901 Russet Street, Oakland. Packages should be marked plainly, "Korean Relief." Church World Service accepts materials for general relief, asking 8 cents per pound to defray the processing and shipping costs; but for Korean relief, 10 cents per pound is needed. Our Congregational people will want to respond quickly and generously as the need is urgent. Do not seek information from Pacific Ports Industries, but telephone YUkon 2-6724.

WANTED, A HOUSE

Rev. George Lindsay, who will soon become the Director of Christian Education and Youth Work for the Conference, and his wife and three children desire to locate a house with three bedrooms which they may rent somewhere in the Berkeley area. The office of the Department of Christian Education will continue to be at Plymouth House, and it will be of help if the Lindsays could live not too far away. Anyone knowing of such a home please telephone ANdover 1-8412.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The registration fee for the Conference will be $1. This fund goes to help in the transportation of ministers and delegates from distant points. It should be remembered that voting delegates are fewer in number than registered delegates. Each church is entitled to two voting delegates and one additional for each 100 members in excess of 200, but no church is entitled to more than 5. Each church, however, is entitled to many more registered delegates who have all the privileges except voting.

MINISTERS' WIVES TO MEET

The Ministers' Wives Club will meet for luncheon at 12:30 on Tuesday, May 29, at the home of Mrs. William E. McCormack, 15 Aptos Avenue, San Francisco. East Bay people will take the K car at the terminal, remaining on the car through the Twin Peaks tunnel and getting off at Ocean and Aptos, then walking two blocks on Aptos up the hill.

KIRSTEN HELEN OLSON

Kirsten Helen Olson, weighing 9 pounds and 7 ounces, arrived on April 20 to bless the home of Rev. and Mrs. Karl E. Olson of the Ocean View Congregational Church. She is number three in the Olson family of children, but now the most important.

WANTED, SUMMER EXCHANGE

Rev. David R. Thomas, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Christ, Wyoming, Illinois, would like to serve a church in this area as supply for the entire month of August or a part thereof. He and Mrs. Thomas would be very happy to have the use of the parsonage. Any of our ministers who are interested might write directly to him.

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